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THE MOUNT ZION ASSOCIATION of the Primitive Baptist Faith and Order, commenced her Sixty-eighth Annual Session with Mount Joy Church, Blount county, Ala., Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1891.

1st. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Eld. R. V. Hood, from the following Scripture: 2 Tim. iv. 1st clause of 2d verse: "Preach the word."

2d. After a short intermission, the brethren composing the Association, met at a school house near by. Prayer by Eld. J. T. Stewart.

3d. Called for and read the letters from the different churches, and enrolled the names of Messengers.

4th. Eld. E. F. Gilland was elected Moderator, and C. Q. Alldredge Clerk.

5th. Invited visiting ministers and brethren to seats.

6th. Called for petitionary churches. Received none.

7th. Appointed brethren J. C. Graves, T. D. Dendy, M. M. Perkins, together with the Messengers of Mount Joy church, as a committee to arrange preaching during this Association.

8th. Called for correspondence from sister Associations. Received correspondence, with package of minutes, from Mount Moriah Association, by the hands of Eld. J. T. Stewart, brethren J. M. Cardwell, J. E. Faris, who were gladly received and invited to seats.

9th. Appointed Bro. James Moore to write a corresponding letter to Mount Moriah Association; also, appointed Bro. M. M. Perkins to write to Mount Creek Association.

10th. Adjourned until Saturday morning 9 o'clock. Singing and prayer by Eld. R. V. Hood.

11th. The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Singing and prayer by Bro. W. T. Moore.

12th. Called the roll and read the Rules of Decorum and Abstracts of Principles.

13th. Renewed the call for correspondence. Received none.

14th. Appointed brethren Wm. Hood and E. R. Murray, committee on Finance. Reported \$14.40.

15th. Our next Association will be held with our sister, Brown's Creek Church, Marshall county, Ala., in Brown's Valley, five miles southeast of Warrenton, six miles southwest of Guntersville, Marshall county, Ala., to commence Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1892.

16th. Moved and carried that the present arranging committee to arrange preaching, if any of them are present at our next session, together with the Messengers of Brown's Creek Church, appoint some one to preach the next Introductory Sermon.

17th. The letter to Mud Creek Association was read and received. Eld. R. V. Hood, brethren H. W. Graves, W. H. Moon, James Holly, W. C. Bodine, agreed to bear said letter. The letter to Mount Moriah Association was read and received. Eld. E. F. Gilland, brethren Wm. Hood, James Moore, T. W. Hood, agreed to bear said letter.

18th. Moved and carried that Mount Zion Association petition for correspondence to Hopewell Association of Primitive Baptist; also, Salem Church is requested to send a copy of her May conference in 1885, with said letter.

19th. Moved and carried that Mount Zion Association petition for correspondence to Flint River Association of Primitive Baptists.

20th. Letter to Hopewell Association was read and received. Eld. E. F. Gilland and Bro. J. L. Dunn, agreed to bear said letter. The letter to Flint River Association was read and received. Eld. A. Whitworth, Brethren F. B. Moon, W. C. Bodine, J. P. Moon and W. T. Moon, agreed to bear said letter.

21st. According to previous arrangements of the several Districts, Union Meetings will be held as follows:

First District—Mount Moriah Church, Blount county, Ala., to commence Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1892.

Second District—Mount Pleasant Church, Marshall county, Ala., to commence Friday before the second Sunday in July, 1892.

Third District—Salem Church, Blount county, Ala., to commence Friday before the first Sunday in August, 1892.

Fourth District—New Hope Church, Marshall county, Ala., to commence Friday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1892.

22d. Appointed the Clerk to superintend the printing of minutes, and he is hereby directed to have 300 copies struck, and to pay for same out of minute funds, and to retain the surplus, if any, for his services.

23d. The sincere thanks of this Association are hereby most respectfully tendered to our sister, Mount Joy Church and vicinity, for their hospitality and kind treatment during this session.

24th. The Association, having finished its business in peace, adjourned. Prayer by Eld. E. F. Gilland.

ELD. E. F. GILLAND, *Moderator*.

C. Q. ALLDREDGE, *Clerk*.

ORDER OF PREACHING.

Friday afternoon, by Bro. D. B. Abernathy, B. F. Holland, closed by G. B. Knight, of Hilaby Association; Saturday morning, Eld. J. T. Stewart, W. T. Moon; afternoon, G. B. Knight, F. B. Moon; Sunday, J. T. Stewart, followed by G. B. Knight, closed by Eld. E. F. Gilland.

Abstract of Principles.

ARTICLE 1st. We believe in one true and living God—the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

2d. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3d. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.

4th. We believe in the fall of man, and that he is incapable of recovering himself therefrom.

5th. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ

6th. We believe that God's elect shall be called and regenerated by the Holy Ghost

7th. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace, and never fall finally away.

8th. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and true believers are the subjects, and we believe that the true mode of baptism is by immersion

9th. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the punishment of the wicked is everlasting, and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

10th. We believe no minister has a right to the administration of the ordinances only such as are regularly baptised, called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

11th. We believe that none but the regularly baptised members have a right to commune at the Lord's table, and we believe that the saints should wash one another's feet after taking the Lord's Supper.

Constitution of Mt. Zion Association.

1st. Those members who are regularly chosen by the churches in our union shall compose the Association.

2d The members so chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, together with the state of the churches since the last Association.

3d. The members thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the Mount Zion Association of the Primitive Baptists.

4th. The Association shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage nor to infringe on any of the internal rights of the churches.

5th. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the members present.

6th. Any church desiring admittance in this union shall petition by letter and messenger, and if found orthodox, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

7th. Any church in this union shall be entitled to three representatives, and no more.

8th. No query may be taken under consideration in this Association excepting where cases of serious difficulty are likely to arise, and cannot be settled by the church, or the help of other churches which they shall call on, then they may send it to the Association.

9th. Every motion made and seconded shall be put to a vote, except withdrawn by the person who made it, and a majority shall decide.

10th. Every person who speaks in debate shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator.

11th. No person shall speak more than three times upon any subject in debate without liberty from the Association.

12th. No member shall absent himself from the Association without liberty.

13th. The Association will not fellowship any church or churches, nor hold them in union, who are engaged in supporting any Missionary, Bible, Tract, or Sunday-school Union Society; who advocate State Conventions or Theological Schools; nor any other society that has been, or may hereafter be, formed under a pretense of circulating the Gospel of Christ; nor any secret organization; nor will she correspond with any Association that is engaged in supporting any of the above named institutions, they being without a "Thus saith the Lord" for them as to the church.

14th. Any amendments may be made to this Constitution at any time when a majority of the Association may deem it expedient.

List of Ordained and Licensed Ministers and their Post-Offices.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

W. BARTLET.....	Bartlet, Ala.
W. S. HOLLAND	Sneed, Ala.
E. F. GILLAND.....	Clear Springs, Ala.
S. A. SHORT.....	Hartsell Station, Ala.
R. V. HOOD.....	Brooksville, Ala.
J. W. PUTMAN	Cullman, Ala.
R. R. LOKEY.....	Bartlet, Ala.
A. WHITWORTH.....	Arab, Ala.

LICENSED MINISTERS.

JAMES BLACKWOOD	Anderton, Ala.
W. T. MOON	_____
B. F. HOLLAND.....	Sneed, Ala.
BUTLER MOON.....	Brooksville, Ala.

